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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/844,175	Applicant(s) FARNWORTH ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 08 August 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 75,76 and 81-88.


Identification of prior art discussed: n/a.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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VINH NGUYEN
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner discussed with Mr. Shaurette about the objections of claims 75-76 and 81-88, regarding the term "the apex comprises a solid mass of material devoid of any void space". According to Mr. Shaurette, page 8 lines 9-17 of the specification and the drawings of figures 3-6 have supports for the limitations of claims 75-76 and 81-88. Examiner agreed with Mr. Shaurette about this issue. Furthermore, Examiner suggested to Mr. Shaurette that a written response to the rejections under 35 USC 102 should be submitted by Applicants in the next communication..